

MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 18, 1998
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman	Mesa: Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster
Avondale: Ruben Duran for Carlos Palma	Paradise Valley: Tom Martinsen
Buckeye: Joe Blanton	Peoria: Meredith Flinn for Terry Ellis
Carefree: Jon Pearson	Queen Creek: Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer
Cave Creek: Kerry Dudek	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community:
Chandler: Pat McDermott for Lloyd Harrell	David Easchief
*El Mirage: Jeffrey Love	Scottsdale: David Ellison for Dick Bowers
Fountain Hills: Paul Nordin	Surprise: Mike Branham for Dick McComb
*Gila Bend: Carl Stephani	Tempe: Gary Brown
*Gila River Indian Community: Urban Giff	Tolleson: Ralph Velez
Gilbert: George Pettit for Kent Cooper	Wickenburg: Fred Carpenter
Glendale: Ed Beasley for Martin Vanacour	Youngtown: Lloyce Robinson
Goodyear: Doug Sanders for Stephen Cleveland	ADOT: Victor Mendez for Mary Peters
*Guadalupe: Luis Gonzales	Maricopa County: Mike Sabatini for David Smith
Litchfield Park: Robert Musselwhite	RPTA: Ken Driggs

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Anderson, MAG	Jeff Kulaga, Scottsdale
Cathy Arthur, MAG	Jeff Martin, Mesa
David Bailey, Maricopa Co. Assessor's Office	Victor Merino, Phoenix
Lindy Bauer, MAG	Dennis Mittelstedt, FHWA
James M. Bourey, MAG	Norris Nordvold, Phoenix
Betsy Buxer, Community Forum	Suzanne Quigley, MAG
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale	Kevin Ross, Maricopa Co. Assessor's Office
Margot Cordova, MAG	Art Rullo, MAG
Jim Creedon, Landry & Associates	Jenny Sheppard, Mesa
William "Blue" Crowley, Citizen	Audrey Skidmore, MAG
Valerie Day, MAG	Dennis Smith, MAG
Leslie Dornfeld, MAG	Kelly Taft, MAG
Chuck Eaton, ADOT	Lisa Takata, Phoenix
John Farry, MAG	Gordon Tyus, MAG
Miryam Gutier, Maricopa Co. Assessor's Office	Chris Voigt, MAG
Russell Heisinger, Maricopa Co. Assessor's Ofc.	Rita Walton, MAG
Jim Huling, Tempe	Paul Ward, MAG
Terry Johnson, MAG	Shauna Warner, Tempe
Carol Kratz, MAG	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Patrice Kraus, Chandler	Jim Wortham, Phoenix Fire

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, at 12:10 p.m.

Chairman Fairbanks introduced the interim Town Manager for Buckeye, Joe Blanton. Chairman Fairbanks introduced proxies Victor Mendez for Mary Peters from ADOT, Debbie Kohn for Carlos Palma from Avondale, Pat McDermott for Lloyd Harrell from Chandler, George Pettit for Kent Cooper from Gilbert, Doug Sanders for Stephen Cleveland from Goodyear, Mike Sabatini for David Smith from Maricopa County, Mike Hutchinson for Charles Luster from Mesa, Meredith Flinn for Terry Ellis from Peoria, Scott Rigby for Cynthia Seelhammer from Queen Creek, David Ellison for Dick Bowers from Scottsdale, Mike Branham for Richard McComb from Surprise, and Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez from Tolleson.

Chairman Fairbanks noted that agenda item #19, Status Update on the June 30, 1997 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 and the Related Management Letter Comments, would be heard at the next Management Committee meeting on December 7, 1998.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Fairbanks noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Chairman Fairbanks stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that at the Valley Vision 2025 Committee meeting, a motion and resolution was passed that he is a part of the 2025 Committee. Mr. Crowley stated that at the last Valley Vision 2025 meeting he was not allowed to sit with the subcommittee. He stated he wants agendas and will participate. He said that the public is a part of the process. Mr. Crowley stated that his questions on the Final Phase Opportunity Report were not answered. He said his documentation was not handled as the documentation of others was handled.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bourey noted that a special Management Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in the Saguaro Room. He said the meeting is being held to discuss funding guidelines for transportation. Mr. Bourey commented that we asked all members to consult their calendars for availability and there were only two conflicts.

Mr. Bourey remarked that the Domestic Violence Safety Plan brochure is a big success. So far, we have received 80,000 requests for the brochure and copies in Spanish will be available in approximately one week. He noted that a copy of the brochure is at each place and they are available to those who wish to take some back to their communities for distribution.

Mr. Bourey stated he will attend the Census Advisory Committee meeting in Washington, DC in early December. He said there will be discussion on the final report, which will be completed in February or March. Mr. Bourey commented that a workshop will be held December 1st in the Denver office identifying discrepancies in addressing errors.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Serious Ozone Plan was due December 8, 1998, but the EPA granted an extension to March 22, 1999. Mr. Bourey commented that this extension is a great help to us. We had no violations in the 1997 and 1998 seasons. If we have no violations in the 1999 season, we can apply and receive a one hour standard. He said that we will then have until 2008 to meet the eight hour standard.

Mr. Bourey noted that MAG Building Codes Stakeholders are meeting here on December 15, 1998. Information on the meeting will be forthcoming.

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG recently served as the regional host for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) certification examination, which certifies finance officers. He commented that our region was the second highest in attendance in the country. Mr. Bourey remarked that two of the five examinations were given.

Mr. Bourey noted that there is an article on Valley Vision 2025 in the Arizona State University Morrison Institute publication. Mr. Bourey stated he will get copies of the article for those interested.

Mr. Bourey introduced Margot Cordova, the new program Manager for Valley Vision 2025. Ms. Cordova is a fourth generation Arizonan and attended Stanford University and Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. Mr. Bourey commented that Ms. Cordova is very familiar with funding issues. She previously worked at La Raza Council.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chairman Fairbanks noted no public comment cards had been turned in.

Referring to agenda item #6, Enhancement Funds Working Group Round VI Recommendations, Debbie Kohn asked what happens to the balance of funds not awarded? Leslie Dornfeld replied that all the funds are awarded. She stated that the funds are available statewide and there are 60-70 applications received per year. Ms. Dornfeld noted that the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee reviews the applications. If an application is not approved, another application will receive the funding.

Ms. Kohn stated she is pleased with the projects, especially the Bell Road bridge project, and wanted to express her thanks.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any more questions.

Mike Branham moved, Mike Hutchinson seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend approval of agenda items #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, and #14.

6. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round VI Recommendations

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, forwarding the Enhancement Funds Working Group ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation. The Enhancement Funds Working Group was formed by the MAG Regional Council in April 1993 to review and recommend a ranked list of TEA-21 Enhancement Fund applications from this region to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee (TERC). This year, 15 enhancement fund applications were received. Applications for local funds totaled approximately \$ 4.2 million for \$5.5 million available Statewide. Applications for State funds received totaled approximately \$2.4 million for \$3.5 million available Statewide. The Working Group ranked applications at the November 12, 1998 meeting. The Working Group recommendations were provided to members of the Management Committee following the meeting.

7. Request for MPO Approval of Federal Transit Administration Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Application

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, to approve designating Maricopa County to submit a consolidated grant proposal for the Federal Transit Administration Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Funds, including the Maricopa County Social Services Department Work Links project for \$850,000 and (2) the Southwest Valley Cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson and Phoenix Pilot Project for \$210,000. In the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), \$75 million was allocated to the Federal Transit Administration for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Competitive Grants Program. The purpose of the funding is to establish a regional approach to job access challenges through the establishment of a Regional Job Access and Reverse Commute Transportation Plan. Projects derived from this plan are to support the implementation of a variety of transportation services that may be needed to connect welfare recipients to jobs and related employment activities. All projects funded under the grant program must be derived from the regional plan. The MAG Plan is currently being developed through the Special Transportation Needs Study approved by the Regional Council. In urbanized areas with 200,000 population or more, Metropolitan Planning Organizations select the applicant. FTA urges MPOs to designate a single recipient to submit a consolidated application. For this metropolitan area, MAG is recommending that Maricopa County submit the consolidated application to include the Maricopa County Maricopa County Social Services Department Work Links project for \$850,000 and to include the Southwest Valley Cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson and Phoenix Pilot Project for \$210,000.

8. Proposed Amendments to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, amending the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the following safety and bridge projects in FY 1999: Phoenix, 59th Avenue bridge at the Grand Canal (total cost \$1,500,000, federal share \$600,000); Phoenix, Dobbins Road at 20th Street re-alignment (total cost \$200,000, federal share \$188,600); Phoenix, Buckeye Road at 17th Avenue reconstruction (total cost \$230,000, federal share

\$216,900); Maricopa County, Various Locations Bridge Inspections (total cost \$60,000, federal share \$48,000) subject to consultation on the necessary project conformity requirements. Also to approve the four following privately funded Maricopa County projects within the Villages at Desert Hills area in FY 2003 for an air quality regional emissions analysis: Construct new four lane roadway with bike lanes along Roadway Links B1 (total cost \$17,170,819), D1 (total cost \$1,528,509), E1 (total cost \$8,040,900) and HB (total cost \$2,813,600). Eight amendments have been requested to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was approved by the Regional Council on September 23, 1998. The first four are "Major" amendments that involve regionally significant projects submitted by Maricopa County in the Desert Hills region of New River. Existing guidelines indicate that projects such as these that are submitted out of cycle should be considered for addition to the TIP once it is approved and should undergo a regional emissions analysis, followed by a public hearing, prior to the TIP amendment being approved. The second four are "Minor" amendments, involving federally funded Safety and Bridge projects. These second four projects are either exempt projects for air quality conformity analysis purposes or are not regionally significant and a regional emissions analysis and public hearing are therefore not required for these projects. On November 3, 1998, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that all eight projects be added to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), subject to the necessary project conformity requirements.

9. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for a Proposal to Add Four Projects to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On November 3, 1998, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that four projects be added to the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), subject to consultation on the air quality exempt status of the projects. The four FY 1999 projects are: (1) City of Phoenix, 59th Avenue at Grand Canal, replace bridge and improve approaches, (2) City of Phoenix, Dobbins Road at 20th Street re-alignment, (3) City of Phoenix, Buckeye Road at 17th Avenue reconstruction, and (4) Maricopa County, bridge inspections, various locations. MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule and has found project #1 (bridge reconstruction) and #4 (bridge inspections) to be exempt under that rule. Projects #2 and #3, both of which are less than one-half mile in length, were determined to be not regionally significant and therefore modeling was not required. The previously existing conformity assessment presented in the 1998 Conformity Analysis for the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with 1998 Addendum (LRTP) would therefore be unchanged by the proposed TIP Amendment. The conformity assessment for the Amendment is contingent upon the pending conformity determination by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration of the TIP and LRTP. Comments on the conformity assessment are due by November 18, 1998.

10. Approval of Draft July 1, 1998 MAG Municipality Resident Population Updates

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, approval of the July 1, 1998 MAG Municipality Resident Population Updates. MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 1998, Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates were prepared using data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies and a method that has been used over the past eight years. These updates were also made consistent with a draft July 1, 1998 Maricopa County Update that was approved by the State Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) on October 30, 1998 and the MAG Regional Council on November 4, 1998. The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC)

recommended approval of the July 1, 1998 Municipality Resident Population Update on November 5, 1998.

11. MAG FY 2000 PSAP Equipment Funding Request and MAG FY 2000-2004 PSAP Equipment Program

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, approval of the MAG FY 2000 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2000-2004 PSAP Equipment Program for submittal to ADOA. At their meeting on October 22, 1998, the MAG 911 Oversight Team unanimously recommended approval of the MAG FY 2000 PSAP Funding Request and MAG FY 2000-2004 PSAP Equipment Program. These documents reflect planned improvements for this region's 911 System. The funding request for FY 2000 is required to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) by December 15, 1998.

12. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Burger King Restaurant and Carioca Oil Property Interim Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, approval of the proposed Burger King Restaurant and Carioca Oil Property Interim Wastewater Treatment Facility, as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Maricopa County has requested that MAG review the proposed Burger King Restaurant and Carioca Oil Property Interim Wastewater Treatment Facility through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Small Plant Process is designed to allow new wastewater reclamation plants which are two million gallons per day or less in capacity to be reviewed and approved as part of the 208 Plan. The facility would be located in the unincorporated area located along the Carefree Highway at 7th Street. The capacity of the proposed interim plant is 0.015 million gallons per day (mgd) and there will be no discharge. This plant will be an interim facility. It will be replaced once the Desert Hills Community Sanitary District is established, and the collection and treatment facilities are designed and constructed. The facility is within three miles of the Town of Cave Creek and the City of Phoenix. Both jurisdictions have no objections to the proposed facility.

13. Consultant Approval for MAG Pedestrian Plan

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, selecting the Planning Center/Sprinkle Consulting to provide assistance to the Pedestrian Working Group in the development of a pedestrian plan for an amount not to exceed \$70,000. In May 1998 the Regional Council approved the Unified Planning Work Program which included \$70,000 for a pedestrian plan. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised for consulting assistance for the development of a pedestrian plan. Three consultant proposals were received in response to the RFP. The Working Group interviewed all three consultants and unanimously agreed to recommend the Planning Center/Sprinkle Consulting be retained to assist in the development of the Pedestrian Plan. The Working Group additionally recommended that the Planning Center include the Logan Simpson Design consultant team to assist it in the development of plan goals and objectives. The Planning Center has agreed to work with the Logan Simpson Design Team.

14. Consultant Recommendation for MAG Videoconferencing Project

The Management Committee recommended, by consent, approval of the selection of Norstan to undertake the MAG Videoconferencing Project at a cost not to exceed \$46,000. In July 1998, the Regional Council approved accelerating a MAG Teleconferencing and Telecommunications Program. The initial part of this program is a MAG Videoconferencing project to define a regional videoconferencing system that facilitates communication between MAG and its member agencies as well as among member agencies. In September 1998, a request for proposals for a study to design a videoconferencing system was issued, and on October 20, 1998, six proposals were received. After review of the proposals by an evaluation group and interviews with each of the consultants, it was unanimously recommended that Norstan be selected to undertake the MAG Videoconferencing Project at a cost not to exceed \$46,000.

15. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that the Valley Vision 2025 Committee met on November 4, 1998. He noted that the next scheduled meeting is January 6, 1999.

Mr. Bourey noted that the subcommittees have held a number of meetings addressing certain issues under each subcommittee's topic areas. Mr. Bourey remarked that the subcommittees' reports are expected the first part of next year.

Mr. Bourey noted it is important for the collaboratives to reach out to their communities to gain "grass roots" input. He stated that some of the collaboratives have become dormant and staff has been working with the communities to reinvigorate the collaborative groups. He mentioned that the collaborative groups' report will be out in January or February with the final report due to the Valley Vision Committee by February 15, 1998.

Mr. Bourey stated the EPA Grant for \$50,000 went into effect on October 1, 1998.

Mr. Bourey stated that a fact sheet on Valley Vision 2025 has been completed and will be distributed to the media. An electronic newsletter is being transmitted. There are over 400 people formally involved in the effort.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Public Communications Subcommittee has prioritized a list of potential projects to promote visibility of Valley Vision 2025. He noted that a brochure/community survey developed by the subcommittees has been completed and a brochure is at each place. The survey can be answered on the form or via e-mail on the Valley Vision website.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

16. MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 1999 Update

Paul Ward stated that federal legislation requires that the results of six management systems be considered in programming projects for the MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Also, a variety of legislation and regulations require non-discrimination and environmental justice in federally assisted programs.

Mr. Ward noted that the *MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 1999 Update* has been prepared as a guidance document to assist member agencies with project selection. The report provides information on the Transportation planning process, system performance, the congestion management system, other management systems, such as safety and bridges, air quality, policy guidelines and process, and Title VI issues.

Mr. Ward noted that, as in previous years, the report also incorporates socioeconomic data regarding Title VI issues to guide decision making. The maps shown in the report provide incorporated results from the 1995 Special Census. He remarked that the maps include distribution of population of racial minority status, population of Hispanic descent, population aged 60 years and older, low income households, low income workers by place of work, female population, and population with disability and mobility limitations.

Mr. Ward stated that the second part of this presentation usually includes a request for projects for federal funds. He noted that the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee is addressing a series of priorities and procedures used to program MAG federal funds. The guidelines that will be forthcoming from this process will be forwarded to all members as soon as they are approved by the Regional Council.

Mr. Ward stated that the deadline for submitting project requests for MAG federal funding is December 24, 1998. As in previous years, any projects that have previously been approved by MAG for federal funds and which are shown as being funded with MAG-STP or CMAQ funds in the just approved FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP, do not need to be resubmitted. Mr. Ward noted that the deadline for submitting all non-MAG federally funded projects for inclusion in the TIP is January 26, 1999.

Mr. Ward stated that the MAG Technical Advisory Committees will be provided with the required forms for requesting federal funding for projects and with the guidance for completing them. He noted that submittals for federal funding for Street, ITS, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit projects should be approved by each jurisdiction's Manager and should be coordinated through the jurisdiction's Street Committee representative. Mr. Ward commented that the application form will also be displayed on the MAG webpage.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

Jonathan Pearson noted that the northern portion of the region showing the Town of Carefree and other outlying jurisdictions is not shown on the map. Mr. Ward replied that data from outlying areas is available, however, areas with 20 persons or less per geographic area have been excluded from the map. Mr. Ward noted that he would be able to supply individual maps for those outlying areas.

Ken Driggs moved, Meredith Flinn seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recommend accepting the MAG Transportation Management Systems Report: FY 1999 Update, subject to guidelines being added, following Regional Council approval.

17. Submission of Applications for the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program

John Farry stated that the Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century authorized the Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program (TCSP). The purpose of the

TCSP is to provide funding for planning grants, implementation grants and research to investigate and address the relationship between transportation and community system preservation. He said that the guidelines provide that a Metropolitan Planning Organization may be both a project sponsor and endorse other activities proposed and submitted by a local government within its boundary. Letters of Intent for TCSP funds were due to the Federal Highway Administration by November 15, 1998.

Mr. Farry stated that the City of Phoenix submitted a letter of intent for the Consensus Driven Community Bus Project. He said this grant request is for \$403,200 to operate community buses in the Phoenix Enterprise Community. The proposed project will combine consensus drive route design with community buses that follow flexible routes within neighborhoods using small environmentally clean vehicles.

Mr. Farry stated that MAG has submitted a letter of intent for a grant for the Valley Vision 2025 Interdisciplinary Land Use, Open Space and Transportation Studio. He said the request for \$150,000 is to provide visual and statistical scenarios of potential integrated land use, open space and transportation options that can be used by citizens to make informed decisions about a future vision for the region.

Mr. Farry stated that the Maricopa County Department of Transportation submitted a letter of intent for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to investigate transportation mode integration on the I-17 corridor. The study will integrate park-and-ride facilities, public transportation, walking, bicycling, HOV lanes, and the interstate highway system to reduce congestion and improve the efficiency of the corridor.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions. Gary Brown asked Chairman Fairbanks if there is only one project expected to be funded, does he feel comfortable with MAG proceeding with their own application at the same time as the City of Phoenix applies? Chairman Fairbanks noted that the City is trying to serve a very low income population through their bus project. He commented that he understands why MAG has applied and the City has not asked MAG to bow out. Mike Sabatini remarked that Maricopa County does not have any problem with MAG submitting an application.

Chairman Fairbanks recognized public comment from Betsy Buxer from the Community Forum. Ms. Buxer stated that she has been involved for a long time in the MAG process. She commented that her only wish is that more money is available for such worthy projects. Ms. Buxer noted that the City of Phoenix Enterprise Community Consensus Driven Community bus program will supply neighborhood circulator buses. She stated that the planning process is in place and they have received a grant from Easter Seals. Ms. Buxer noted that the end users will be involved in the planning process. She remarked that the cities of Mesa, Tempe, and Phoenix will supply money for implementation. She noted that the grant would serve very low income people, older people and people with disabilities.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Ms. Buxer for her comments and asked if there were any questions.

2. Approval of the October 14, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Fairbanks noted that he had skipped over the approval of the minutes of the October 14, 1998 meeting.

Mike Hutchinson moved, Gary Brown seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 14, 1998 Management Committee meeting.

18. Transportation Planning/Programming Update

Mr. Bourey stated that he would present an update of funding issues with ADOT, the Public Involvement Process, and a list of potential projects compiled recently.

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG has been working with ADOT and RPTA to arrive at a funding estimate for the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Mr. Bourey stated that a fundamental change will be implemented in the process for allocating available state and federal money for transportation. He said that under this conceptual agreement, ADOT and MAG will work cooperatively along with the other regions in the state to develop an allocation of transportation funding. Mr. Bourey said ADOT, MAG and the other regions in Arizona will develop system criteria on a statewide basis. The criteria would include such considerations as traffic congestion, air quality, growth, maintenance, and vehicle miles traveled. Mr. Bourey remarked that ADOT has agreed to an interim solution for this year. Mr. Bourey noted that five meetings have been held between the COGs and MPOs on the funding estimate. He commented that ADOT wants to extend the funding estimates statewide, which is federally mandated for the MAG and PAG regions. Mr. Bourey stated that the State Transportation Board will meet in Parker on November 20th, in Phoenix on December 3rd, and on December 18th in Wickenburg. He noted that we have been in daily discussions with ADOT and anticipate a definitive estimate by December 3rd, presentation to the Management Committee on December 7th and Regional Council on December 9th.

Mr. Bourey stated the Regional Council approved an updated process for programming MAG federal transportation funds. He said that includes more proactive public involvement process and developing early guidelines. He said that five focus groups recently met to gain broad-based community input on transportation issues. Mr. Bourey noted that a report of their input will be presented at the Stakeholders meeting immediately following today's Management Committee meeting. He remarked that the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee will establish parameters and for project selection guidelines at their meeting on November 25, 1998. Following the Transportation Subcommittee meeting, the Transportation Review Committee will develop more specific guidelines. The guidelines will then be presented to the Management Committee on December 7th and Regional Council on December 9th for consideration.

Mr. Bourey stated that additional money is coming to the state and we should receive a healthy share. He said we have been working with the region's jurisdictions to arrive at a project list. He remarked that it is important to have an initial list. Mr. Bourey referred to the potential project list handout showing projects for FY 2000-2007, 2008-2011, and 2012-2014. Mr. Bourey noted that this is a draft list at present. He noted that it is important for the MAG Freeway Program scheduled for completion by 2014 to be completed by 2007, since many other projects need to proceed. Also needing completion are the Grand Avenue solution of grade separations at intersections, HOV improvements at I-17, which are already in the program, future HOV improvements on the Squaw Peak and Superstition, the South Mountain Freeway, SR 85 through Buckeye and Gila Bend, SR 60 to Wickenburg, and relief of US 60 and I-10 interchange by adding collector/distributor roads. Mr. Bourey remarked these potential projects will be discussed at the Stakeholders meeting today and at the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee on November 25th.

Victor Mendez stated that ADOT is committed to working with MAG on the funding. He commented that the Yuma and Flagstaff MPOs are also required to receive the federally mandated funding estimate. Mr. Mendez remarked he is looking forward to a solution.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any questions.

20. Report on the Maricopa County Assessors Office Accelerated Parcel Numbering Program

Mr. Bourey introduced Kevin Ross, Maricopa County Assessor, who began his term in January 1996. Mr. Ross thanked Mr. Bourey for the introduction and stated that representatives from the Maricopa County Assessors Office will provide a report on the Accelerated Parcel Numbering Program. This program will use a new geographic information system to use digitized subdivision development data. Currently, 99 percent of all subdivisions use digitized data. He said that after months of research with cities, Maricopa County has developed Computer Aided Drafting Standards based on those of the cities as well as those developed by the American Institute of Architects. Currently, six cities are participating in the program and are requiring developers and engineers to submit digital CAD files in their subdivision process. Mr. Ross stated that the County is planning to expand their existing partnership to include the remaining cities as well as the development community. Beginning in 1999, all existing tax maps will be converted into a digital format. He noted that a new GIS program was approved this morning by the County and an RFP would be out for bid in January.

Paul Nordin complimented Mr. Ross on his efforts to provide good service by implementing the latest technology. Mr. Nordin remarked that the Assessor's Office keep up the good work.

Chairman Fairbanks stated that moving ahead in the electronic age improves our quality of life. He noted that his Development Services Department processing time is quicker. Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Ross for improving the assessment process.

George Pettit stated it has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Ross. He stated, as Chairman of the MAG POPTAC Committee, that there is a need for standards for community infrastructure. He thanked Rita Walton and Harry Wolfe for their assistance in preparing a draft concept paper on the issue.

Mr. Pettit stated that in the three years since the 1995 Special Census, Gilbert has grown by approximately fifty percent. During this three year period, the use of digital mapping by cities and by the development community has also grown dramatically. Unfortunately, no local standards exist for the entire range of digital data that jurisdictions are required to maintain and administer. Mr. Pettit added that common terminology for describing, defining, displaying and storing data is needed.

Mr. Pettit stated that there is great merit in the preparation and use of infrastructure standards. Mr. Pettit handed out copies of the concept paper and urged the Management Committee to review and support this concept.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mr. Pettit for his comments. He stated it is an excellent idea to get this information out. Chairman Fairbanks noted that this could reduce expenditures and Phoenix is enthusiastic to pursue the standards.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any further discussion. Hearing no discussion, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary